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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-19-92

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year 1993 Funding for the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Program


Enclosed is a copy of the April 17, 1992 letter from Chris Gersten, Director, Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), which formally communicates the President's budget and ORR's proposed changes for refugee programs in Federal Fiscal Year 1993.

Because RCA is eliminated under the President's budget, you should be prepared to terminate the program by October 1, 1992, in the event that the budget is adopted by Congress.

We are currently developing close out procedures for the RCA program and will be discussing them, and other pertinent issues, with the Refugee Committee of the County Welfare Directors Association at its next meeting in early May. We also will be informing ORR of our plan to discontinue the program, once the procedures and timelines for the termination process have been established.

As new developments regarding the budget, and changes for refugee programs occur, we will update you as quickly as possible, and provide you with any necessary instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walter Barnes, Chief, Refugee and Immigration Programs Branch, at (916) 324-1576.


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Enclosure



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ORR State Letter

92-11

Date: April 17, 1992

TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS

FROM: Chris Gersten *Chris Gersten*
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement

SUBJECT: President's Budget for FY 1993

I am writing to communicate formally with you on the status of the budget for FY 1993, so that you will know what changes are proposed in the structure of the program.

The President's budget is as follows:

Unaccompanied Minors	\$30 million
Special Medical Assistance	20 million
Employment services	63 million (1)
Targeted Assistance	40 million (1)
Voluntary Agency Program	74 million
	<u>\$227 million</u>

We estimate that the \$30 million provided for the Unaccompanied Minors program will cover all of its costs, including medical and State administration. This program would be administered as it is currently.

Targeted Assistance and Employment Services would also continue to be provided through the States, and reasonable State administrative costs would be chargeable to these programs.

The State-administered Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance programs are eliminated under this budget. The \$20 million for Special Medical Assistance would be used to provide medical assistance for refugees who are not eligible for Medicaid for up to a specified period after arrival.

The \$74 million would be used to fund voluntary refugee resettlement agencies, to provide intensive case management, transitional maintenance support, and other assistance, as needed, to enable participating refugees to achieve early employment and economic self-sufficiency as rapidly as possible.

We hope the States will participate in the significant program development needed to implement this program. I know you have many questions. I want to emphasize that the exact programmatic details have not yet been worked out. We encourage you to work with us to implement a program which is focused on the clients.

Some of you have asked about how to coordinate State regulations to accommodate the change in the program called for by the President's budget for FY 1993. I would urge that you take necessary steps to develop regulations or procedures which would permit the State to terminate the State's Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance program, subject to Congressional action. We will inform you of the date for this transition as soon as the latest cash and medical expenditure information has been reviewed and we know whether funds will be available for a transition period. The earliest date, however, for termination of the Refugee Cash and Refugee Medical Assistance programs would be October 1, after which Federal funds would no longer be available for reimbursement of these costs.

I look forward to working together through the transition committee representatives. We will continue to communicate developments as they occur.

(1) These are the amounts for Employment Services and Targeted Assistance shown in the Congressional Justification. However this was an error. The amounts should have been: Employment Services \$60 million and Targeted Assistance \$43 million. We are forwarding a correction to Congress.